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News Release

METROLINK FERRIES FURRY FRIENDS (AND HUMANS) TO THE FAIR

LOS ANGELES, CA, Friday, Sept.12, 2003: Animals from A to Z were offering whatever “creature” comforts they could to the thousands of hurried commuters passing through Union Station on Friday, September 12, 2003. The animals, including an alpaca named Jewel and a miniature zebra named Hank, were part of a petting zoo that was set up at Union Station to remind people that the 81st annual Los Angeles County fair opens today at the Pomona Fairplex *and to let them know that Metrolink will be providing train service to the Fair on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from Sept. 12th to the 28th.*

“This is our tenth year of providing train service to the Fair, and each year it gets better,” said Rancho Cucamonga Mayor and Metrolink Board Chair Bill Alexander. “Metrolink is a safe, comfortable, hassle-free way for families to get to the Fair without having to worry about traffic or parking.”

During the Fair, which runs from Sept. 12 – 28, passengers can take trains on Metrolink’s San Bernardino Line to Fairplex parking lot A. From there, a complimentary tram service will take guests from the Fairplex platform to the Main Gate of the Fair.

Metrolink trains will make the stop at the Fairplex on the following days: Sept. 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, and 28. The complete schedule for times and trains stopping at the Fair is attached with this release.

“More than a million people attend the LA County Fair each year and, naturally, the weekends are the busiest,” said Alexander. “The theme of this year’s Fair is ‘Kinder, Simpler, Funner’ and riding to the Fair on Metrolink adds to that fun.”

Alexander added that taking Metrolink to the Fair is not just for people who live along its San Bernardino Line. In Los Angeles the Metro Red Line subway, which runs from the San Fernando Valley to downtown Los Angeles, can connect Fairgoers to Union Station where they can board the Metrolink train for Pomona.

“If you’ve never ridden a Metrolink train before, this is an excellent time to try it,” said Alexander. “Weekend Metrolink fares are 25 percent less than the regular weekday fares and the LA County Fair is just one of the great places you can get to on the train.”

For train schedules and directions to the nearest Metrolink station check at www.metrolinktrains.com or call (800) 371-LINK.

For Fair information check at <http://www.lacountyfair.com> or call (909) 623-3111.

The L.A. County Fair in Pomona is the largest county fair in North America. Open from September 12-28, 2003, the Fair has been an annual event for 81 years.

Metrolink is Southern California’s regional commuter rail service and is in its eleventh year of operations. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority, a joint powers authority made up of an 11-member board representing the transportation commissions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties, governs the service. Metrolink continues to be one of the nation’s fastest growing commuter rail services, operating over seven routes through a six-county network with 512 total route miles.

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